California Water Update 2018 Draft Outline Water Plan Policy Advisory Committee Review Draft

1) Envisioning California Water Sustainability

The purpose of Chapter 1 is to provide context and a vision of water management sustainability in California. It will describe the following: the evolution of Update 2018, divers of change/State initiatives, a tangible framework for sustainability, and an investment & finance planning framework.

2) Sustainability Outlook

Chapter 2 will summarize water management assessments with an emphasis on sustainability. This chapter will evaluate water management effectiveness and identify gaps and work that needs to be done using specific indicators. It will also discuss methods for tracking and reporting progress to achieving sustainability. Lastly, as part of the assessment, it will describe challenges and potential disrupters for managing water in California sustainably.

3) Recommendations and Priorities

Chapter 3 will identify specific recommendations and feature 5-year investment priorities for water management in California. Recommendations will include short- and long-term, as well as statewide and regional in scale. Recommended actions will include an estimate of the cost and time to implement (which will inform the Implementation Plan – Chapter 5), as well as discussion of how they support sustainability.

4) Finance Plan

Chapter 4 will identify and assess potential funding/revenue sources for water management activities. This chapter will include financing recommendations. Recommendations may include federal, state, and local financing.

5) Implementation Plan

Chapter 5 will present a recommended schedule of implementation based on identified investment priorities, costs, and time needed to implement (Chapter 3), and identified finance mechanisms (Chapter 4). It will also identify potential roles and responsibilities for successful implementation.